

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.  
Roll called.

Present Aldermen: Fischer, Goscock, Glass, Huggins, Simm, Platt, Powell, Bredt, Robertson, Kumbel, Taylor and Townsend 17.

Absent Aldermen: Dealy, Cook, Horton, Sawless, Nicholas, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Cobb and Zilker. - 10.

Minutes previous meeting adopted as printed

Alderman Simm moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be ordered as printed, which motion prevailed. Alderman Nicholas called the Council Chamber and answered to his name.

Mayor's refusal to grant petition of J. Stredenberg for remission of fine

The Mayor informed the Council that he had received a petition from J. Stredenberg, asking the Council to remit a fine assessed against him in the Recorder's Court, which he as Mayor could not recommend. Alderman Robertson for the Fire Committee presented the following report:

Fire Com. report on award of bids for purchase of 7500 ft. Fire Hose.

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1896.  
To the Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin: Gentlemen: Your Committee on Fire Department, beg leave to report that we have this day received and opened bids for Fire Hose from several different firms, and after carefully considering same have awarded the Contract to the "Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company" of New York, as follows: 7500 feet of Baker fabric solid rubber lined cotton fire hose, guaranteed to last four years, and to stand a pressure of 400 pounds per square inch, for the sum of \$1800.00.  
B. Robertson.  
P. H. Powell  
Committee.

Mayor authorized to enter into contract for same.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties in accordance therewith. Alderman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal for the month of January, 1896, reported that they had examined same and found them correct. The report was ordered filed. Aldermen Rosengren and Zilker entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Police Com. report on City Marshals Jan report

Ord. Com. report on pet. of J. T. Brackenridge for Water & Light rates.

The ordinance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. J. T. Brackenridge, asking that he be furnished Water and Light at his residence outside the City limits on the same terms as furnished residents of the City, he to furnish and lay pipe and string wire at his own expense, presented their report, recommending that the petition be granted, provided the City be paid no expense whatever. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Ord. Com. report on amend- ment to Ord. 170 and 171

The ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance to amend Ord. 170 and 171 of the Revised Code, ordinances of the City, be- longing to the same class, the passage of the ordinance, which was read and adopted, and the same was ordered to be printed as per business. The report of the Committee was adopted.



Street Com. report on pet. of A.H. Prossler to construct Railroad on W 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

on the subject. The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of A.H. Prossler, asking permission to construct and operate a Railroad on West Third Street in front of the Drump's Beer house, presented their report, recommending that the petition be granted. The report was read and laid over to come up with the ordinance on the subject.

Ord. Com. report on Ord. appropriating \$700. to improve City Parks

The Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$700. for the purpose of improving the Parks of the City, presented their report, stating that owing to the present financial condition of the City they recommended that the ordinance do not pass. The report of the Committee was adopted. Alderman Bealy entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name.

Communication of Moffat & Adams referred to Street Com.

Unfinished Business. Communication of Moffat & Adams in regard to Street numbers and signs, was referred to the Street Committee.

Finance Com. report on Ord. Appropriating \$100. to care for material at Dam.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. to take care of certain material at the Dam not now in use, presented their report, stating that the subject matter was now being considered by the Water and Light Commission, and recommending that no action be taken by the Council in the matter. The report was adopted.

Resolution instructing Dept. of Streets to have City teams work 4 days on W 8<sup>th</sup> & Balance A.T.

New Business. By Alderman Fischer, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Superintendent of Streets, Etc., is hereby instructed to put the City teams to work for four days on West Eighth and West Blaker Streets.

Alderman Sinn moved to refer <sup>the resolution</sup> to the Street Committee. The resolution was then adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Kischke, Platt, Powell, O'Sengren, Schneider, Shelley and Taylor, 11. Nays, Aldermen Glascock, Glass, Sinn, Peadar, Roberteau, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker, 6.

Resolution instructing Dept. of Streets to put 4 City teams & Edwin Sabornie to work horses at Park at Dam.

By Alderman Glascock. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and instructed to put four of the City teams and drivers, and four extra men, to work on the Park at the Dam for two weeks under the supervision of the Park Committee and the Water and Light Commission.

Alderman Sinn entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name. Alderman Roberteau moved to table the resolution. Lost by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Glass, Platt, Roberteau, Taylor, Sinn and Zilker, 6. Nays Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Goeth, Haynes, Kischke, Powell, O'Sengren, Schneider, Shelley, etc., and Townsend 14. Alderman Glascock moved to amend the resolution, which amendment was not sustained and finished.

Amendment to amendment by Ald. South, which was adopted.

Ord. Appropriating \$200 to improve Park at Dam.

Amended by Ald. Ziker

Amendment to amendment by Ald. Schmidt

Alderman South offered an amendment to the amendment by inserting "Whenever the Street Committee can spare the teams", which was adopted, and the resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

By Alderman Glascock. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200 to improve the Park at the Dam, which was read.

Alderman Sinn moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, South, Haynes, Sinn, Nitscher, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley Stumpf - and Townsend 15

Nays Aldermen Platt, Roberdeau, Taylor, Tobin and Ziker 5.

Alderman Ziker moved to amend by adding "and that a first-class florist to assist the Street Commissioner in beautifying Park be employed. He be paid \$150."

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the amendment by adding, "and that he be paid \$150."

Alderman Sawless entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name. The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Taylor, Tobin and Ziker 8.

Nays Aldermen Bealy, Glascock, South, Haynes, Sawless, Sinn, Nitscher, Powell, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley Stumpf and Townsend 13.

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, South, Haynes, Sawless, Sinn, Nitscher, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley Stumpf and Townsend 15.

Nays Aldermen Glass, Platt, Roberdeau, Taylor, Tobin and Ziker 6.

Ord. appropriating \$60 to build box culvert on James St.

By Alderman Bealy. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$60 to build a box culvert on James Street.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, South, Haynes, Sawless, Sinn, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Ziker 21.

Financial Statement for the year 1896 laid before Council.

Ald. Sinn excused.

Ord. Appropriating \$5000 to pay Water and Light Dept.

The Mayor laid before the Council, the financial statement for the year 1896, as prepared and presented by the Finance Committee.

Alderman Sinn moved that the statement be published in the minutes and lie over until the next meeting, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Sinn was excused from further attendance at this meeting of the Council.

By Alderman Tobin. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000 out of the Water and Light fund to pay approved accounts.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, South, Haynes, Sinn, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Ziker 20.

Motion to reconsider vote by which  
 Financial Statement was laid over  
 Financial Statement read

Statement was laid over, which motion prevailed.  
 The financial statement presented by the Committee on Finance was then  
 read, as follows:

An estimate of the probable income from all sources which will be  
 collected for the General fund during the present fiscal year, and of  
 the expenditures to pay salaries of Officers and Employees, and of the  
 amount required to meet the other ordinary expenses of the City govern-  
 ment, not including work on streets and Bridges, or other public im-  
 provements:

Income

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From Ad Valorem tax of 1895.	\$ 38,000.00
From Ad Valorem tax of previous years.	6,000.00
From License tax.	10,000.00
From Recorder's Court.	2,100.00
From Pound fees and sales	600.00
From Travis County support of Hospital.	2,000.00
From Dog tax.	400.00
From Miscellaneous	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 60,400.00</u>
Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1895	<u>\$ 14,168.10</u>
	\$ 74,568.10

Estimate of income from Earnings fund  
 of the Water and Light system:  
 Estimated receipts during the year 58,148.00,  
 Balance in Treasurers hands Dec. 1, 1895. 7,547.33 65,695.33  
\$ 140,263.43

Expenses.

Expenses.

Salaries of Officers	\$ 18,507.00
Salaries of Policemen	14,796.00
Salaries of Drivers and Sillerman Fire Department	4,200.00
Salaries of Drivers City teams, including Sanitary Men	7,200.00
Salaries Employees City Hospital	840.00
Salaries of Aldermen	<u>2,640.00</u>
Total Salaries:	48,183.00
Feed and Shoeing Sanitary Department	325.00
Feed and Shoeing Fire Department	3,300.00
Rent of Engine house	600.00
Feed and Shoeing City Teams	1,350.00
Money for City Prisoners	400.00
Expenses for City Hospital	4,500.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	2,000.00
Overalls	1,550.00
Water and Light	14,600.00
Public Buildings	108.00
Printing City Papers	50.00
City	1,200.00
City of Austin, Code of Laws, 1895	48.00

Am'ts. Paid forward	\$140,263.13.	\$77,154.00
Attorneys fees		500.00
Pay of Judges & Clerks of Election		150.00
Pay of Board of Equalization		750.00
Miscellaneous		6,000.00
		<u>\$84,554.00</u>

Estimate of Libenses of Water Light Plant		
Operating expenses	\$18,000.00	
Due Water Light fund	<u>7,137.04</u>	<u>25,137.04</u>

John.  
Adoption of estimate & ordered spread on minutes

Ord. Appropriating \$5000. to pay approved accounts Earnings fund.

Total estimated income, \$140,263.13. Total est. expenses, \$109,991.01  
On motion, the estimate presented by the Finance Committee was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes, and a copy posted by the Clerk as required by the Charter.  
By Alderman Tobin, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000. out of the Earnings fund for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorch, Haynes, Sawles, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 20.  
Nays None

Ord. appropriating \$50. to build rock box culvert on Cong. Ave.

amended by Ald. Glascock to insert \$75. in lieu of \$50. added

Aldermen Gorch and Townsend were excused from further attendance upon this session of the Council.  
The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to build a rock box culvert on Congress Avenue in South Austin. The ordinance was read a second time.  
Alderman Glascock moved to strike out \$50. and insert \$75., which motion prevailed.  
The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen, Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Sawles, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin and Zilker, 18  
Nays None

Ord. granting A.H. Bressler right to construct Railroad with 50' R.R.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting A.H. Bressler, the right to construct and operate a railroad on West Third Street, with the report of the Street Committee on the subject.  
Alderman Redd moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Sawles, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin and Zilker 18.  
Nays None

Motion on Ord. amended to strike out 50' and insert 75'

The ordinance was then read a second time.  
Alderman Schneider moved to strike out section 3 of this ordinance, which motion prevailed.  
The ordinance was then read a third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Sawles, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin and Zilker 18.  
Nays None

Following vote:  
 Yeas Aldermen Beuty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Lawless, Kilschke, Platt,  
 Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stimpf, Taylor, Tobin and  
 Zilker, 18  
 Ays Stone.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 3000. to  
 build Stone Arch bridge on E. 7<sup>th</sup>  
 St. referred to Street Com.

By Alderman Platt, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 3000 for the  
 purpose of building a stone arch bridge on East Seventh Street.  
 On motion the ordinance was referred to the Street Committee.  
 On motion of Alderman Glascock the Council then adjourned.

J. W. Johnson  
 City Clerk.